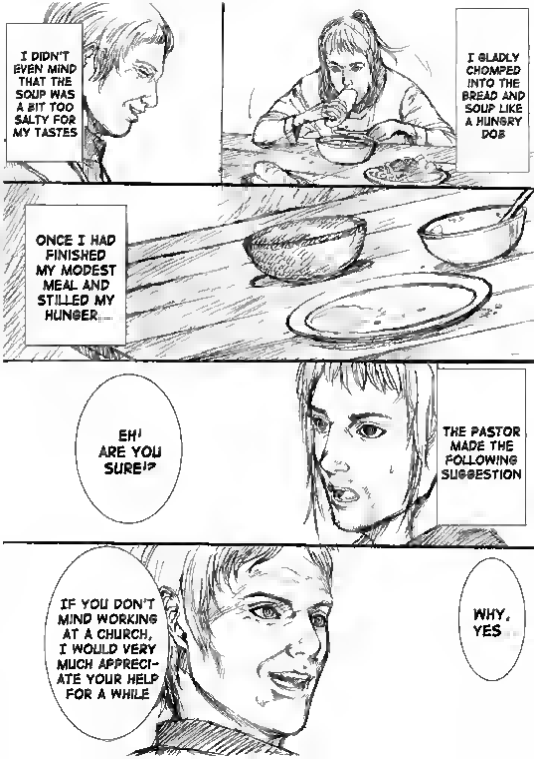
Volume 2
Chapter 3

MISTER
HELLO?
YOU'LL CATCH A COLD IF YOU SLEEP OUT HERE LIKE THAT
DID SOME-THING HAPPEN TO YOU?
...?
...I TOLD HIM MY WHOLE STORY
AH
WHEN I WOKE UP IN THE MORNING SOMEONE WEARING WHAT LOOKED LIKE A BLUE CHEF HAT WAS LOOKING DOWN TO ME
HE TURNED OUT TO BE A PASTOR

I SEE... YOU HAVE GONE THROUGH A LOT OF TROUBLE
SFX: GULP
HELP YOUR-SELF
THOUGH I DO NOT HAVE MUCH TO OFFER, PLEASE...
BUT DO NOT FRET FOR GOD WILL NOT ABANDON HIS PEOPLE IN THEIR TIMES OF NEED


I DIDN'T EVEN MIND THAT THE SOUP WAS A BIT TOO SALTY FOR MY TASTES
I GLADLY CHOMPED INTO THE BREAD AND SOUP LIKE A HUNGRY DOG
ONCE I HAD FINISHED MY MODEST MEAL AND STILLED MY HUNGER...
EH! ARE YOU SURE!?
THE PASTOR MADE THE FOLLOWING SUGGESTION
IF YOU DON'T MIND WORKING AT A CHURCH, I WOULD VERY MUCH APPRECIATE YOUR HELP FOR A WHILE
WHY, YES...

HE EXPLAINED THAT HE CAN ONLY OFFER SPARE CHANGE AS SALARY, BUT IT WAS MORE THAN ENOUGH FOR THE CURRENT ME
I'D LOVE TO!!
IT WAS AN OFFER SENT FROM HEAVEN
WE SHOULD GIVE YOU A HAIRCUT TOO WHILE WE'RE AT IT
WELL, TRY THIS ON THEN
BAKI HAS CHANGED CLASS TO "NEOPHYTE PRIEST"
BAKI HAS EQUIPPED "ASCETIC ROBE"

HOWEVER, OTHER STATS LIKE STRENGTH AND AGILITY HAVE DROPPED IN RETURN, SO I FEEL LIKE I'VE GOTTEN A BIT WEAKER THAN BEFORE BUT IT'S ALL RIGHT
I HAVE ENOUGH MP TO CAST HEAL TWICE NOW
?
BAK!
LEVEL 16
CLASS PRIEST (NEOPHYTE)
HP 88
MP 8
STRENGTH 29
AGILITY 39
WISDOM 14
LUCK 77
BECAUSE AS A PRIEST, I'LL BE ABLE TO LEARN SPELLS LIKE AEROCROSS ONE DAY!!
THE SPELL IS NOTHING IMPRESSIVE, BUT I WAS STILL KINDA HAPPY ABOUT LEARNING A NEW SPELL.
FOR STARTERS, THE KIND PASTOR WAS SO KIND TO TEACH ME ANTIDOTE

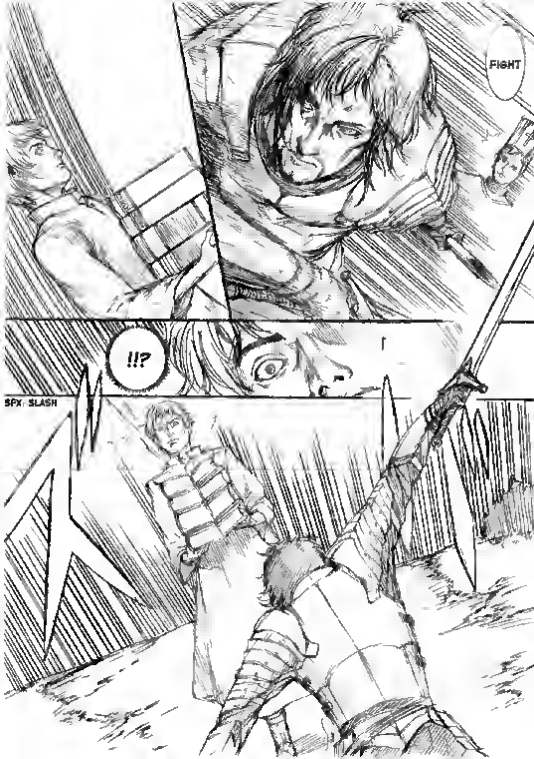
START YOUR DAY WITH A MORNING PRAYER, THEN CLEAN THE CHURCH AND ITS SURROUNDINGS
WORKING AS A NEOPHYTE AT A CHURCH BASICALLY BOILS DOWN TO THE FOLLOWING:
I'LL BE HONEST. THE JOB IS BORING AS HELL
SIGH
AND END THE DAY WITH ANOTHER PRAYER
RING THE BELL IN THE MORNING, NOON AND EVENING TO SIGNAL THE TIME OF DAY
SFX: DING DONG
I FELT A STRANGE SENSE OF FULFILLMENT
EVEN SO— JUST BY WORKING A JOB AND FEELING NEEDED BY SOMEONE FOR THE FIRST TIME IN MY LIFE—

I'VE BEEN WORKING AT THE CHURCH FOR ABOUT A MONTH...
HERE, THANK YOU FOR YOUR HARD WORK, BAK!
?
AND I JUST RECEIVED MY FIRST PAY
I'M SO SORRY THAT I CAN'T PAY ANY MORE...
NO, NO, DON'T BE!!
!!?
500 G...
CURING SOMEONE OF POISON IS WORTH A COUPLE OF G'S
WHILE HEALING SOMEONE'S INJURIES IS WORTH A FEW TENS OF G'S...
THE REST OF THE CHURCH'S INCOME COMES FROM DONATION...

CARRYING THE BAG OF MONEY IN MY HANDS LIKE A TREASURE, I THANKED THE PASTOR FOR MY PAY
BUT
DON'T MEN-TION IT
THANK YOU VERY MUCH!
I CONSIDERED HOW LIMITED THE CHURCH'S BUDGET IS AND THE PAY DIDN'T SEEM ALL THAT BAD ANYMORE. I GUESS IT JUST SHOWS HOW HARD IT IS TO EARN MONEY
IS IT REALLY ALL RIGHT TO GIVE ME THIS MUCH?
NO NEED TO WORRY ABOUT ME. I'M FINE AS LONG AS I HAVE THE LITTLE MONEY I NEED TO MAINTAIN THIS CHURCH
BAKI'S CLASS LEVEL HAS CHANGED FROM "NEOPHYTE" TO "PILGRIM"
IS WHAT IT MADE ME THINK
I SUPPOSE YOU DON'T NEED ANY MONEY IN ORDER TO SERVE GOD, HUH

YAWN..
HM?
WHAT A CARE-FREE PERSON
—THIS GUY'S BEEN DRINKING SINCE NOON—
HEHEHE
...
HOW'S THE JOB?
YO... NEET BOY!!

NO ONE IN TOWN WANTED TO HIRE YOU, SO YOU WENT AND BOT YOURSELF HIRED BY GOO, HUH... HEHEHE
HEH, I TOLD YOU, DIDN'T I?
!!
XENO!!
HA HA HA
SFX SCRATCH
BESIDES, YOU'RE A GATE GUARD!
TAKE A LOOK AT YOURSELF! IF MONSTERS WERE TO ATTACK THE VILLAGE NOW, COULD YOU EVEN PUT UP A
NO ONE IN THIS WORLD HAS THE RIGHT TO SNEER AT OTHERS!!
THOSE WHO DO WILL BE PUNISHED BY GOD!
THAT'S ENOUGH SPEAKING ILL OF BAKI!


FIGHT
!!?
SFX: SLASH

MR. PASTOR?
DID YOU SAY SOME-THING?
SFX: RUSTLE RUSTLE
SFX: WHOOSH
...
I DIDN'T SEE HIS ATTACK COMING AT ALL
BAKI, ARE YOU ALRIGHT?
YE-YEAH ...

HE WAS SO GOOD HE PUT GROWN-UP FIGHTERS TO SHAME
EVER SINCE HE WAS BORN IN THIS VILLAGE, HE HAS ALWAYS EXCELLED AT THE SWORD
XENO WASN'T ALWAYS LIKE THAT...
A WHILE AGO, THE FIRST BORN PRINCE OF REINHART WAS ABDUCTED BY SOMEONE...
HAVE YOU EVER HEARD OF THIS, BAKI?
EVEN AFTER BECOMING A SOLDIER IN REINHART, HE CONTINUED TO MAKE A NAME FOR HIMSELF UNTIL...
YES
...
SEVERAL OF THEM WERE EXECUTED... AND OTHERS WERE SENT TO PRISON...
MANY SOLDIERS AND SERVANTS WERE MADE TO TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE INCIDENT...

BUT HE STILL ENDED UP GETTING EXILED FROM REINHART
XENO WAS LUCKILY SPARED FROM BOTH PRISON AND EXECUTION
AND EVER SINCE HE RETURNED HERE, HE'S BEEN LIKE A DIFFERENT PERSON
IN ONE MOMENT, HE'D LOST HIS ONLY PURPOSE IN LIFE
HE'S ACTUALLY A GOOD PERSON
PLEASE FORGIVE XENO'S RUDE-NESS
AH, PLEASE DON'T WORRY ABOUT THAT. I DON'T MIND AT ALL.

BAK!
PLUS....
I TOTALLY UNDERSTAND HOW M... XENO MUST FEEL
I HAD TO EXPERIENCE IT FIRSTHAND DURING ALL THOSE YEARS I WAS A BON-FIRE NEET
AND ONCE YOU'VE LOST YOUR DREAMS AND GOALS... IT'S REALLY HARD TO GO ON LIVING
WHEN YOU LOSE YOUR PURPOSE IN LIFE... YOU LOSE YOUR DREAMS AND GOALS WITH IT...
BUT I WAS SOMEHOW ABLE TO PICK MYSELF UP THANKS TO A CERTAIN INCIDENT
I WAS A WORTHLESS GUY WHO DIDN'T DO ANYTHING BUT TEND TO A BONFIRE FOR MANY YEARS

I'M SURE HE'LL RETURN TO THE OLD MR. XENO WHEN THE RIGHT OPPORTUNITY ARISES!!
THAT'S WHY I WOULDN'T WORRY TOO MUCH ABOUT HIM
THANK YOU...
LATELY, VILLAGERS WORKING OUTSIDE COME TO TALK TO ME WHEN THEY SEE ME
YEAH, IT'S BONFIRE WEATHER!!
BONFIRE WEATHER?
GOOD MORNING
NICE WEATHER TODAY, ISN'T IT?
IT'S BEEN ALREADY ABOUT TWO MONTHS SINCE I STARTED WORKING IN ALCAPA

AH!
YOU LIL BUGGERS DOODLING STUFF ON THE WALL AGAIN!!
O!! COME GET US IF YOU CAN!
SFX: CRUSH
!!
SFX: DASH
DAMN YOU!!
SFX: KA-BAM
SFX: RUMBLE
WHOA!
OOF!!

OH MY
HIHI
YAAY! HE FELL FOR IT!!
I'M GONNA KILL THEM
THE CHILDREN HAVE BECOME ATTACHED TO ME AS WELL
AHAHA
GET OVER HERE FIRST!
JUST YOU WAIT FOR ME OVER THERE, STUPID BRATS!! WAIT FOR ME!! DON'T MOVE AN INCH!!
HE-HEY BAKI A PRIEST SHOULDN'T TALK LIKE THAT
HAHA

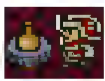
Appendix:

Characters in chapter 3:

Baki

Pastar

Xeno



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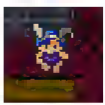

Lacatians in chapter 3:

- Reinhart (Coburg)
- Alcopo (Roundbeck)

Spells in chapter 3:

- Heal
- Aerocross (Koswoosh)
- Antidote (Squelch)